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**THE UNIVERSITY OPENING.**

On Wednesday, September 25th, the eighteenth annual session of the University of Texas began. The outlook for a large attendance had been promising, and the few old students who had then returned were prepared for the large number of unfamiliar faces that filled the corridors. The expectations of the friends of the University for an attendance much larger than that of last year were fully realized, and at the close of Wednesday, October 3d, the registration had reached 582, as against 483 last year.

It was not until Saturday, however, that the old students began to return with a satisfactory degree of rapidity. Since then they have been coming in on every train, so that perhaps 50 per cent of the faces are now familiar. A few of the old guard, faithful and true, were here at the opening and busied themselves in shaking hands with their comrades of last year and in making the newcomers feel welcome. Saturday night a mass meeting was held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. for the benefit of the Athletic Association and the literary societies, after which an opportunity was given for the old students to become acquainted with the new.

The Course Committee has been busy throughout the entire week arranging the work of the students, while Mr. Wynne has been receiving the fees of all the students, old and new. The new students have matriculated with commendable promptness, while the old, as a rule, have waited for the rush to be over to such an extent that the members of the Course Committee will hardly be able to meet their classes this week. The evil became so great that the Law Faculty have required matriculation before attendance upon their classes will be permitted. This regulation had the effect of stirring up the stragglers of the lower regions, and they are now anxious to pay Mr. Wynne their fees.

To those entering on University work for the first time, a few words of warning may not inappropriately be uttered. The conditions which confront them are unfamiliar to them, and the proper course of conduct may appear doubtful or uncertain. In some moment of misapprehension they may be led to take a false step, resulting in their irretrievable injury; and The Texan, earnestly desiring that this may be avoided, makes the following observations:

The conditions which confront you are those of a miniature world. The student body contains all classes and kinds of characters such as may be met in the ordinary walks of life, save only that the hopelessly pernicious are eliminated, and that those who remain are bound together by the tie of a common interest, ambition, and purpose. The temptations with which you will be confronted will not be materially different from those of the outer world; and your success here, as elsewhere, will depend largely, if not almost altogether, upon yourselves. Blinded and dazzled, perhaps, by the atmosphere in which you find yourself, you may not be aware of some important facts which it is necessary at the outset you should know.

The student body, of which you

are a member, is decidedly cosmopolitan. It is drawn from many walks of life, and contains as many different characters as individuals. For the government of this body the University authorities lay down no ironclad rules or regulations. Every student is expected to know the rules of gentlemanly conduct and to govern himself accordingly. Those about you will feel inclined to help you whenever they feel that you need it; but they will not thrust themselves unasked into your private affairs. Until you prove yourself otherwise, you are supposed to be a gentleman. Since your arrival here your fellow students have in all probability, unknown both to you and to themselves, been closely watching your conduct and forming an estimate of your character; and if your footsteps are leading you into improper and questionable paths, you are likely, some unhappy morning, to wake up to the fact that their confidence in and respect for you are gone, and that you are a stranger and virtually an outcast in an institution where all are expected to be friends and comrades. Your companionship in the company of your fellows will be unwelcome, and you will be made keenly to feel that your absence is far preferable to your presence. Do not, therefore, mistake the conditions which confront you. Never lose sight of the old saw that "all is not gold that glitters." He who is apparently a social lion, a hail fellow well met, may be and usually is a social pariah, possessing only the contempt of the Faculty and students. Remember the fable of Dog Tray and his associates, and have due regard to the company you keep.

The members of the Faculty are willing and anxious to help you whenever they can be of assistance to you. Do not fail therefore to consult them when in doubt about matters in which you really need their assistance and advice, but do not annoy them with trivial affairs that any ten-year-old boy ought to be able to determine for himself. As a rule it would be well to follow the advice of the professor in charge of a school about matters pertaining to his own department. Do not imagine that because your instructor is grave and studious that he is distant and unsocial. On the contrary, you will usually find that upon closer acquaintance those who are apparently cold and distant are the most lovable and companionable of men.

Finally, strive after complete thoroughness in your work. This can only be attained by close application and attention to duty. Study each assignment of work with the closest application of which you are capable, and endeavor to master thoroughly the central thought of each assignment. Be prompt in attendance on each class exercise upon which you are due. Regard each recitation as an appointment with your professor which you are as much bound in honor to keep as he. Your professor is nothing more than human, and he can not fail to be impressed by the zeal or lack of zeal which you display in your work. If your attendance upon class exercises is regular and punctual your instructor will not fail to notice the fact favorably,

while if you may be seen repeatedly loitering about the corridors until a few moments before class, and then your seat conspicuously is vacant at recitation, your conduct will rightly be regarded by your teacher as inexcusably reprehensible, and you will be given the advantage of your misbehavior.

In dealing with your fellow-students let simple courtesy be your rule of action. Remember always that gentlemanly conduct is what is expected of you, and by the standards of gentlemen you will be measured, and by them you must stand or fall.

**FOOTBALL PROSPECTS.**

A prediction as to the outcome of the season is not possible at present because of the unsettled condition of the team and the lack of knowledge of the game. The prospects are encouraging in some respects, in others discouraging.

As to the first, the men are for the most part very conscientious and eager to learn. The material is strong and heavy, and there is considerable of it.

But the men are lacking in a knowledge of the essentials of the game—due no doubt to the fact that they have not had the preliminary training which the college men of the North receive in preparatory schools. Then the men have failed so far to grasp the importance of fast, snappy work, of quick charging, and of getting the signals off with greater rapidity than in the past. They have not yet realized that individual playing must be subservient to team play, and that when a play is made every man must follow it up and push or pull along the player after he has been tackled.

The line men are charging on the defensive fairly well, but on the offensive they fail to make the openings for the backs, the backs slow up, and the whole interference, which has made a pretty start, slows up as it meets the opposing line and becomes useless as far as advancing the runner is concerned.

All of these faults can be eradicated before the end of the season, but it will take a great deal of coaching to cure all the defects.

It is to be hoped that a great many will come out as candidates. There are two teams, but the moment a man shows up well on what is termed the second team, he will find a place waiting for him on the first team.

The team will welcome more cheering and enthusiasm from the students on the grand stand.

If all the forces which are necessary to the making of a successful team will pull together, we will have a record which no one need be ashamed of at the end of the season.

The first meeting of the Academy of Science has not yet been announced. The inaugural address of President Harper will be delivered on this occasion. The "Transactions of the Academy of Science" is in the hands of the publishers and will soon be ready for distribution. The principal paper which it contains is entitled "A Record of Texas Geology for the Decade Ending 1896." The article is written by Dr. F. W. Simonds, of the School of Geology, and is quite a comprehensive treatise. This volume of the transactions will be the largest ever issued.

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It is but the reasonable duty of  
one assuming editorial control of a  
college weekly to outline its policy  
so far as he may be able, and make  
known the interests to which the  
paper is to be devoted. It is unnec-  
essary, however, to state that such a  
paper as The Ranger is to be pub-  
lished in the interest of the students  
of the University of Texas. It is  
our object primarily and ultimately  
to please the student body. A Tex-  
an's keen sense of honor and spirit  
of fair criticism make this the only  
requisite for a good college paper.

It is now proverbial that there are  
two sides to every question. In mat-  
ters pertaining to the welfare of the  
student body, however, it is our pur-  
pose to present only that side which  
seems in the light of good judgment  
and thoughtful consideration to be  
the proper one.

Never were prospects for a glori-  
ous session brighter. Our football  
team bids fair to be the peer of any  
in the South; our matriculation ex-  
ceeds in comparison all previous  
years, and above all the whole stu-  
dent body seems united and loyal.  
Passions of the past have been bur-  
ied; old prejudices have given away  
to kindlier feelings; subtle and silent  
forces of sympathy, toleration, and  
helpfulness are permeating the stu-  
dent body, and we feel that the ses-  
sion of '00-'01 will be an epoch-  
maker in our history.

Rejoicing in the renewed loyalty  
of the student body, trusting to be a  
factor in the promotion of college  
spirit and common brotherhood, The  
Texan submits its destinies to you in  
the well-founded hope that any de-  
serving enterprise may be given into  
the hands of the students to the dis-  
may of the disloyal sorehead or the  
chronic kicker.

"On to Dallas!" should become  
our watchword for the next week.  
Every student who can possibly  
spare the nominal cost of the trip  
should by all means make it.

Barring the plea of college patri-  
otism, the Fair and the speeches  
made by the distinguished chan-  
cellors of two universities and our pres-  
ent United States senator, will be  
well worth the trip.

The opposing football teams of  
the two greatest universities in the  
South will there meet in one of the  
greatest contests ever seen on a  
Texas gridiron, and let it not be said  
that Varsity was lacking in her sup-  
porters. The Texan suggests that  
at the first meeting of the student  
body several leaders be elected  
whose business it shall be to get up  
and lead the yells in Dallas. Let a  
song committee be also appointed—  
let us add to our 185-pound line the  
hearty encouragement of lusty yells  
and songs which have often proved  
valuable in the critical moment. Let  
Dallas be invaded by a thousand as  
loyal, big-hearted "rooters" as ever  
cheered to victory the heroes of

'Varsity. "On to Dallas!" and  
throw him out "who first cries hold,  
enough!"

Owing to the fact that no edi-  
torial board has yet been appointed  
for The Texan, the management has  
been at an unusual disadvantage  
preparing this first number for pub-  
lication. Students possessing liter-  
ary talent have come nobly to our  
rescue, and we desire to take this op-  
portunity to express our apprecia-  
tion of their services. Evidently  
The Texan will prove the best col-  
lege weekly in the South, when the  
loyal support and hearty encourage-  
ment of the student body are so  
kindly proffered to make it success-  
ful. If any of the articles which  
have been so nobly contributed fail  
to appear in this issue, we ask the  
pardon of those who have sought to  
help us, and state in our defense that  
the omissions are attributable to our  
great hurry and lack of space.

## THE GERMAN.

Wednesday night the first german  
of 1900-1901 was given by the stu-  
dents at Eighth Street Hall. It was  
not a regular german of the German  
Club, but those in attendance  
seemed to enjoy it hugely. The Ger-  
man Club is becoming more popular  
each year, and it affords very satis-  
factory means of passing Saturday  
evenings. There will be a call meet-  
ing of the German Club soon to re-  
organize for the year.

Those in attendance Wednesday  
evening were: Misses Petty, Hooper,  
Rutherford, Hancock, Swancoat,  
Rector, Waggenor, Wilkinson, Katie  
Hamilton, Haldeman, May Hamil-  
ton, Minnie Rose, Chapman, Ward,  
Gilespie, and Cobb; Messrs. Ardry,  
Camp, Bryan, Robinson, W. Fisher,  
Gresham, B. Fisher, Goldbeck,  
Watson, Court, Deering, Wilkinson,  
Dunbar, Oliver, Simkins, Barton,  
Booth, Thompson, Arthur Rector,  
Avery Rector, Mills, and Bowman.

## THE GLEE CLUB.

The Glee Club held its initial  
meeting Wednesday afternoon in the  
auditorium. The constitution was  
amended so as to permit the Pro-  
gram Committee to test the voices  
of applicants for membership.

Thursday a second meeting was  
held, and a number of new appli-  
cants were admitted. Director Pen-  
nick regards the outlook for an ex-  
cellent club as promising. He  
earnestly requests all who can sing  
to apply for membership. Knowl-  
edge of music is not required—only  
an ability to sing some part without  
shifting to another. There are no  
fees. Let the student body give Dr.  
Pennick and the club its hearty co-  
operation.

## PHI PHI PHI INITIATION.

On last Wednesday night Messrs.  
Joe Ransom, Walter Boothe, Hoyt  
Burchard, and Frank Hawkins were  
initiated into the mysteries of the  
Phi Phi Phi order. After wrestling  
with the still incarnate goat, the in-  
itiates accompanied the members  
of the order to a banquet hall, where  
a feast had been prepared. The reg-  
ular members present were Messrs.  
Matthews, Boone, Ruckman, Neth-  
ery, Wiseman, Brown, King, Phil-  
lips, Witcher, Smoot, and Kibby.

## GAME WITH OKLAHOMA.

As we go to press, we learn that  
the University of Oklahoma has ac-  
cepted the terms of the counter offer  
made them by the athletic council.  
They will meet Varsity on the ath-  
letic field promptly at 4 p. m. Wed-  
nesday, October 10. A great game  
is expected.

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Alpha Tau Omega.  
Theta Nu Epsilon.

### MEETING OF THE ATHLETIC COUNCIL.

On Thursday afternoon, in the  
Regents' room, there was a special  
meeting of the Athletic Council for  
the purpose of transacting some im-  
portant business. The time of the  
meeting was consumed chiefly with a  
discussion of finances, there being a  
debt of about \$800 to be met. The  
matter of bringing a team here from  
Oklahoma was considered, and in re-  
ply to a telegram received from  
them, stating the conditions upon  
which they would play, a counter  
offer was made. A good game against  
a strong team would do us great  
good, for if we should succeed in de-  
feating the Oklahoma aggregation  
we would be well prepared to meet  
Vanderbilt on our day at the Fair.  
But, sad to relate, the association is  
in debt and forced to work against  
this great handicap. The students  
have been unpardonably slow in  
handing in their library deposits.  
We can not have a record-breaking  
team without the co-operation of the  
students. Something besides eleven  
sturdy men is required to make any  
football season a decided success for  
the Varsity. The eleven must have  
strong financial support, and it is  
within the power of the students to  
supply it by handing in their library  
deposits promptly.

The sum of \$50 was appropriated  
to tennis, with the understanding  
that no portion of the amount  
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### LOCALS AND PERSONALS

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Bondies led the Junior Law Class last year.

Dr. Baxter, the dentist, 600 Congress Avenue.

Court and Allen had four duels during the past summer.

Tom Rose is at present employed in the "Katy" freight office at Dallas.

J. C. Wilson, Law '00, has selected Victoria as the field of his profession.

Steve Norvell was recently appointed student assistant in Chemistry.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Nannie Furman will not return this year.

Big Sam has recovered from his illness and is playing the game for keeps.

Tom Connolly of the Class of '89 will be a "floater" in the next Legislature.

Miss Pearl Eleanor Norvell is with Miss Morris at 2104 Nueces Street.

Student Hargrove will spend his afternoons in the employ of Mr. Gerjes.

President Prather left Thursday afternoon for a short business trip to Waco.

H. H. Cummings of the Class of '94 has been elected city attorney of Denison.

McCullough has recovered from injuries sustained in a recent practice game.

Budley Fisher says that the secret of good health is spending your life on a ranch.

Ask "Mick" Duren and "Babe" if those German citizens weren't mighty ample.

Bromberg, Duncan and McMahon brought their brothers back with them this year.

Gates Thomas and Felix Smith have accepted positions in the Victoria high school.

The Chess Club has perfected its organization, and will welcome recruits to its ranks.

Messrs. Connor and Hall, both former Sewanee students, have entered the University.

J. P. Haven of the University of Missouri has matriculated in the Academic Department.

Russel D. Coulter, a new student, has received the position of stenographer to the president.

Harris Watson, familiarly known as "Wat," will attend the Medical Department this session.

It has been learned upon good authority that "Pinky" Walthall has won his adobe brick suit.

J. Gus Patton is a candidate, without opposition, for county attorney of Goliad County.

Earl Mayfield, a Dallas boy who has been attending Georgetown University, registered Tuesday.

The registration in the engineering department is three times as great as it was three years ago.

Franz Dohmen, who captured first honors in '97, has been spending a few days with his Varsity friends. He has been pursuing graduate studies in Germany, and

will return to the continent soon to take the degree of Ph. D. in mathematics.

Edgar Townes has been awarded a fellowship in English and will continue his work in that school.

Royal Smith has discontinued his work in the Land Office and has entered the Law Department.

Misses Willie Rector and Frances Waggener will continue their studies in the University this year.

Carl Groos returned to San Antonio Thursday after a long and pleasant visit to the University.

John Wilbanks will be delighted to whistle "The Tail of the Kangaroo" to all who call at his room.

Lewis Maverick, Law, '00, has opened up an office in San Antonio and is enjoying a lucrative practice.

The Glee Club should be made a grand success this year. Let all who have any musical talent get into line.

Raymond Spivey, who left the University last year on account of ill health, is back with us this session.

E. M. Overshiner who served us so long and so faithfully as center rush, is connected with a law firm in Dallas.

Wilbur P. Allen was recently appointed student assistant in Oratory. It is an honor he easily deserves.

A game of football between the Varsity and the deaf mutes of this city has been arranged for this afternoon.

We are told that Berry McAlister, who has been Missouri State University's half-back, will be with us this session.

The Freshmen had a good opportunity to hold a meeting at some place other than room 44 Thursday afternoon.

Douglas says that his \$10,000 arm is all right. The report that has been circulated is as baseless as a drunkard's dream.

Messrs. Tom Botts and Frank Beall have quite recovered from their recent sickness and are able to resume their work.

Charles Bankhead has received an appointment to West Point, and consequently will not be in the University this session.

Mr. Estis Payne of Galveston, who has for some time attended the University of Virginia, will be a student at "Texas" this year.

Freshmen are hereby instructed to refrain from dodging electric fans. We learn that one has been guilty of this offense.

Lewis Knox, of last year's graduating class, has been appointed assistant chemist of the Portland Cement company, of Dallas.

Miss Lewis, one of the brightest students Varsity ever had, has returned from Europe and will be in Austin during the coming year.

Willis Keller, a brother of the famous and popular half-back of last year's team, has cast his lot with the men of the Law Department.

"Bummy" Palm will return from Europe on the 15th inst. He and Duren and Allen created a beer famine in Germany during the summer.

Miss Jessica Clark has been seriously afflicted with her eyes. No brighter woman ever attended Varsity, and we trust she will recover soon.

Harry Bloombargh has entered the University and is continuing his work in chemistry. He expects to return this year to the Medical Department.

James L. McCall, a graduate of Austin College and an old football man, has entered the law department and is a candidate for center on the team.

The October number of the Texas Historical Quarterly will soon be ready for distribution. The Quarterly will contain a most interesting letter from Mon. R. M. Potter, describing the escape of Karnes and Teal, Texas commissioners, from

Matamoros in 1836. The escape was made by the aid of Mr. Potter, who was at that time stationed at Matamoros.

The scrub team is playing unusually snappy ball. Their offensive work is brilliant, while the defensive work of the Varsity regulars is not surprisingly stellar.

It is just a week until we meet Vanderbilt on the gridiron. Deny yourself a few luxuries now and take the trip to Dallas and assist in cheering our team to victory.

Colonel Simkins yesterday morning issued the imperial edict that no shirt-waist men would be allowed to attend his law classes. Ask Jim Goldbeck if it isn't true.

Just before the football game this afternoon those eligible to play on the baseball team will make an effort to defeat the ineligible in a game. It will be a fierce contest.

Old students will be glad to learn that Lewis Featherstone will return to the Varsity about November 1st. He has been doing heroic work in relieving the Galveston storm sufferers.

Professor Shurter reports a most pleasant vacation this summer. Mrs. Shurter will return to Austin about the first of November. She is at present enjoying a visit to relatives in New York.

The registration greatly exceeds that of the corresponding day of last year. Texas is now well to the front. The number of matriculates from other States is much larger than any previous year.

There is not enough enthusiasm over football. Those who frequent the practice games should remember that a good old soul-stirring cheer will enable the men to play a much more snappy game.

Judge Poindexter made quite an interesting address to the students last Saturday night. It was greatly enjoyed. The purpose of Judge Poindexter's visit was to place his son in the University.

R. E. Thomason and Beall Sneed, of last year's Law Class, are both connected with large law firms. Thomason, one of our star debaters, is located at Gainesville, and the inimitable Beall is surprising the natives at Hillsboro.

On the morning of the 13th at Dallas, the Terrell high school and Wall school of Honey Grove will play a game of football. It will be a great game for Varsity men, as nearly all Wall school graduates come to the University.

It is our purpose to set aside this year a portion of our space for the publication of up-to-date articles on questions of importance to the student body. This department is to be known as the Students' Forum. Contributions from students will be gladly accepted and published.

It is not possible to print the football schedule at this early date, but we expect some big games this season. Everything is arranged for the big game at Dallas, and a large crowd is expected on that occasion. Manager Barton has also made satisfactory arrangements for the game with A. and M. at San Antonio on the 27th. A large delegation of students should accompany the team to San Antonio, especially since it is University day at the Fair to be held in that city.

### GRACE HALL NOTES.

Grace Hall is brim full. Most of the old students are back and also a great many new ones. The past week has been one of joyful reunions to the former, and tearful spells of homesickness to the latter. Such, thus afflicted, can be seen and heard in dark corners bemoaning the existence of an intellectual institution outside of their own backyard. Those of the joyous reunions wear placid smiles of contentment, and institutions of learning meet with their full approval.

Grace Hall is settling down for solid study and of their

farewell to freedom Wednesday by a soda-pop party on the lawn. The yells which were lustily given proclaimed far and wide that Grace Hall is again occupied, and very much so.

Everybody is now occupied in straightening out conflicts. It is whispered that trap-doors will be made, so certain ambitious Sophomores can attend two classes at the same hour of the same day, on different floors. Telephones will also be instituted, so as to enable a two-fold existence to much-enduring students. Any other ingenious suggestion will be gracefully accepted.

The Tri Sigmas had their first meeting at the home of Mrs. Wyche on Rio Grande Street.

The new Hallites are Misses Winifred Thomas, Mollie Shropshire, Anne Sheppard, Myra Foster, Esther Gibson, Jean Borrum, Stella Gillespie, Malcolm Moore, Octavia Nichols, Annie Ludlow, Lucile Wathen and Francis Cobb.

It is stage-whispered that we have one of the "gainliest" sets of freshmen that ever graced the Hall.

### B. HALL NOTES.

"O how those boarders yell,  
When they hear the dinner bell."

"Three times a day" there's a grand march at B. Hall when the bell announces a like prospect. The dining room will only accommodate about one hundred and fifty, and as the number of boarders exceeds this number, it is a case of "fight for food." Those who arrive first get a square meal; those who come next get none. Kind of a case of "One little pig went to market, one little pig stayed at home."

Notwithstanding the difficulty of attending to the wants of the inner man, the B. Hall people keep up the good name of that ancient citadel. They are organizing an orchestra, and the senses of the dwellers round about will soon be charmed by the dulcet strains of the cornet, trombone, fiddle, etc.

If you should visit the Hall about 3 g. m. in the morning, you would probably think that you had been transported to the tenement house in the city. You would find men asleep on the beds, on mattresses on the floor, on bedsteads equipped only with springs, and upon pallets on the floor. You would find rooms furnished one with a chair, another with an "oriental divan" (which being translated, is a dilapidated sofa), another with a bed or a table, and another with nothing at all.

There are a number of new students in the Hall. The companionship will probably prove a great thing for them, and as they will not be required to do any "fagging" for upper classmen except in special cases, will have no drawbacks.

Mr. Saml. Nethery, whose "fifth it's hardly pertheptible," has gone away. He gave his room up in search of more comforts, for Sam is a stickler for luxury, you know.

One of the great drawbacks of the building is the admirable condition of the acoustics. Those students who are inclined to make a disturbance in the halls should bear in mind that they disturb every man along that hall. This is no more than courtesy.

The Hall shelters all kinds of people now except reprobates. Of course there are no such in school here. But there is talent of all sorts there,—artists, musicians, students, "flossifiers," sages, fools,—all united in their pursuit of the goddess Athena.

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### GYMNASIUM NOTES.

Over five hundred dollars has been spent during the summer in refitting the gymnasium. A new bathroom, containing eight shower baths, fitted with hot and cold water, has been built in the northwest room. The walls and ceiling of the gymnasium proper have been calcimined and the whole place cleaned and renovated. One hundred and fifty large, airy, well ventilated lockers have been built and placed in the locker-room. They will all be fitted with the most improved combination locks. An office for the director has been arranged, and a portion curtained off for the physical examination of the students.

Regular class work will be required of all freshmen two hours per week.

Before entering the class each student will receive a careful physical examination, and will be given a copy of his measurements and a list of the movements prescribed by the director to meet his individual needs. He will also receive a chart with his measurements platted in the form of a curve, showing his relation to the average college student and to the average man of his height.

Other students besides Freshmen may elect the work in gymnastics, but will be required to attend regularly at least twice per week.

It is hoped to have one or two sections meet in the morning from 10:30 to 11:30. Students who can meet at this hour two days per week will please notify the director.

The gymnasium will be open for practice daily from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m. Members of any section may come in and practice at any time except when such practice would disturb regular class work.

Owing to the fact that the work of remodeling the gymnasium is not quite finished, the classes will not begin before October 15th. Notices will be posted in due time, so that all sections can start at once.

The work of the first team will consist of Swedish educational gymnastics, supplemented by regular graded work on the apparatus. During the second term German and American work with bells, wands, and clubs will be taken up.

### LITERARY SOCIETY PROSPECTS.

The outlook for prosperous work in the literary societies of the University has never been better than at the opening of the present session.

Two years ago, when Baylor defeated our boys in debate, the long-continued indifference of the student body towards the benefits to be derived from literary society work gave place to a determined activity which resulted last session in the complete overthrow of Baylor.

The battle cry "Baylor delenda est!" uttered first by the students' counselor, Judge Clark, in a speech to the societies, was taken up and repeated by those interested until every student of the University had awakened, and two hundred and fifty enthusiastic representatives went with our speakers to Waco to forget the gloom of former defeat

in the anticipation of a brilliant victory. The victory was won, and the students have not relapsed into the lethargic state from which they had awakened, but once aroused to an interest in this line, they aspire to meet on equal terms the best debaters our country can afford.

The members of the societies who have returned this year show more evidence of interest in their respective societies than has been seen in several years before, and students who have been in the University for two or three years and who have not before connected themselves with the literary societies in interest or work, are entering with energy into the society interests and activities of this year. The Freshman class of this year also promises some excellent material for representatives in the oratory and debate contests. All this material will be in demand, and that at its very best development.

This year the Southern Oratorical contest will be held in our own auditorium, and though we fully believe in the sentiment, "Let him bear the palm who merits it," we feel it is our duty to place a representative in that contest who will merit the palm.

Most likely Baylor will meet us again this year in Austin, and if she does, the victory must be ours. We owe this to ourselves because we are able to win it, and to the University because it will show that in this line as in all others she has no peer in the State.

Debating contests with other State universities may be arranged, and the medal contests of the respective societies, as well as the debate between the two societies, will furnish opportunities for our best material. The splendid opportunities offered this year bring corresponding obligations on us to acquit ourselves like men, and this the societies seem to realize in a way that presages success.

Two years ago men to represent us against Baylor were elected by vote of the societies without previous thought or discussion, and little more was thought or said about the matter until the contest came and we were defeated. Last session representatives were chosen by competitive contests in which much interest was taken, and the indications are that he who represents the University in any of the contests this year will win that honor by successful competition with the best talent our State can afford.

Considering the number of able students of the upper classes who have been aroused to an active interest in the societies, the exceptionally strong Freshman class from which to draw new material, and the strong and hearty support accorded us this year by the President and Faculty, who can doubt that the societies will win, in the contests of this year, the right to bear the palm because they merit it?

### THE MAGAZINE.

To the older students it is unnecessary to state the purpose and the aims of the University of Texas Literary Magazine, but to the new students (among whom good material has oftentimes been found) we wish simply to state that the Magazine is making extra efforts to get out a good issue for the first month. We earnestly invite you to make your contributions at once.

See any of the editors and they will be glad to give you any suggestions or aid within their power.

The Magazine board hope to be able to secure some prizes for their contributors in the near future, and

nothing will give you better training than close, systematic writing for the Magazine.

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### NOTES.

Tolbert La Prolle is located in St. Louis.

Semp Russ is practicing law in San Antonio.

Hartford Jenkins is teaching school in Williamson County.

Hon. John Pleasants is as enthusiastic a football rooter as ever.

Snake Jones is a nominee for the Legislature; so is Stewart Clark.

Judge D. A. McFall is a prominent candidate for speaker of the House.

Raymond Keller is in C. P. Diaz, Mexico, in the employ of a railroad company.

Lamar Bethea is practicing law in Bryan, Texas, in partnership with Judge Nall.

Will Brady is nominated for superintendent of public schools of Travis County.

There will be thirteen of the alumni of the Varsity in the lower house this year.

Judge A. S. Walker has received the nomination for judge of the Fifty-third Judicial District.

George Calhoun, an old alumnus of the Varsity, has been nominated for county judge of Travis County.

R. A. Pleasants, an old Varsity man, has received the nomination for associate justice of the Court of Civil Appeals of the First Supreme Judicial District.

### LAW NOTES.

Sixty-three students have registered for this work in the senior class, but the roll is not yet complete.

Judge Simkins has taken up the subject of equity, and is devoting this week to tracing the historical outlines of equity jurisprudence, both as to its rise in power and its flow into, and more perfect development in England.

Because of the heat some of the class have wished to introduce the "shirt waist" style of dress, but the judge says he has not come in touch with this doubtful fashion, and insists on the conventional manner of dressing.

Judge Townes met the class Wednesday evening to arrange for moot court practice.

Junior Class: Judge Lewis met his class of eighty-six "young hopefuls" for the first time Tuesday, as did Judge Simkins, inasmuch as Monday was given to speechmaking, and an informal opening of the law department.

The class is now mastering Blackstone's analysis of his complete survey of the field of the law as bodied forth in his Commentaries.

The first impression of the class is that Judge Lewis is going to be somewhat exacting in his demands.

After this first meeting the class held a "class meeting" and elected Emmett McMahon, an old academy president; this however, after a slight clash with the Seniors.

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